In the Specification:

Please replace the Title at page 1, line 2 with a replacement Title amended as follows:

Lithium battery Primary Battery

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 3 to 5, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

An object of the present invention is to provide a lithium primary battery using manganese dioxide for the positive electrode and being excellent in storage life characteristics.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 6 to 11, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The present invention provides a lithium primary battery comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a non-aqueous electrolyte, wherein manganese dioxide containing 0.1 to 3 % by weight of boron is used as the positive electrode and a lithium alloy containing 0.05 to 2 % by weight of aluminum is used as the negative electrode.

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